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In re Application of

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ELECTRICALLY COUPLING DIGITAL DEVICES

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Preliminary Amendment Accompanying DIVISIONAL Application

For the DIVISIONAL application of prior application 09/252,008, please make the following amendments to the claims.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 19-20 without prejudice.

Remarks

This is a DIVISIONAL of application serial no. 09/252,008, filed February 16, 1999.

Remaining claims 11-18 were an unelected group subject to restriction.

Respectfully submitted,

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